

SONIC

THE COMIC

WITH

TAILS!

KNUCKLES!

COMPLETE
SONIC
STORY

PORKIE
GETS THE
CHOP IN
THE
BIG
DECISION



PLUS

ECCO THE DOLPHIN & ZONE!

**SPIKES
THE BADNIK
PIN-UP!**

ST GEORGE'S ZONE

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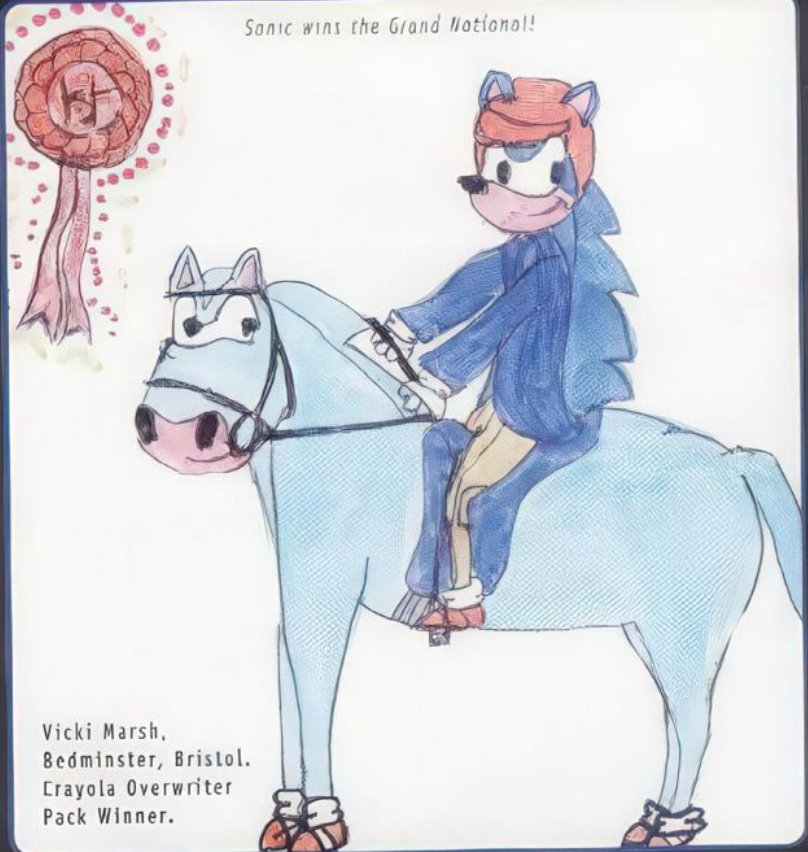
What a talented bunch of Boomers you are. First you gave us the Green Zone for St Patrick's Day, now STC selects some eccentrically English tie-ins in time for St George's Day on 23 April.

Tails in shining armour!



Andrew Evans,
Batley, W Yorks.
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Sonic wins the Grand National!



Vicki Marsh,
Bedminster, Bristol.
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*An Ec-king oo's
ransom!*



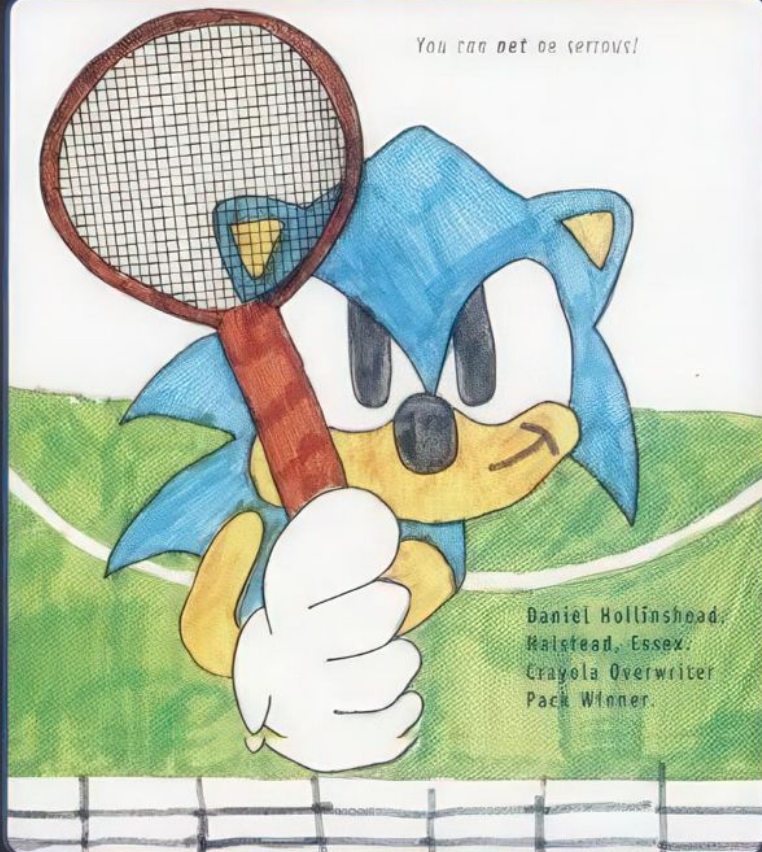
Glen Porter,
N Ireland.
GG Owner.
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Overwriter
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Pack Winner.

Sonic kops the cap!

Kevin Hogan, Co Tipperary, Ireland.
Please send full address details.



You can net be serious!



Daniel Hollinshead,
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Robin Hog!



Will those sneakers be
allowed in the city?



Matthew Tovey,
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Dale Watson, Chesterfield.
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

To help get your handywork selected in future
Graphic Zone, please take note of the following
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* Draw in paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper
(avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they
don't show up as well when printed).

* Be original and don't copy pictures from the

comic - come up with your own ideas.

* Include your name and address, preferably
written in capital letters on the back of
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* Send artwork to:
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FIBRE-TIPPED PENS.**



KNUCKLES

The **GHOST SHIP**

Script:
 MIGUEL KITCHING
 Art:
 NIGEL ODBYNN
 Lettering:
 ELIITA FILL

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CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S PLANS
 TO STEAL THE TANTARAGOR
 IDOL HAVE GONE BADLY WRONG.

NOW THE IDOL'S RIGHTFUL
 OWNERS HAVE RETURNED.



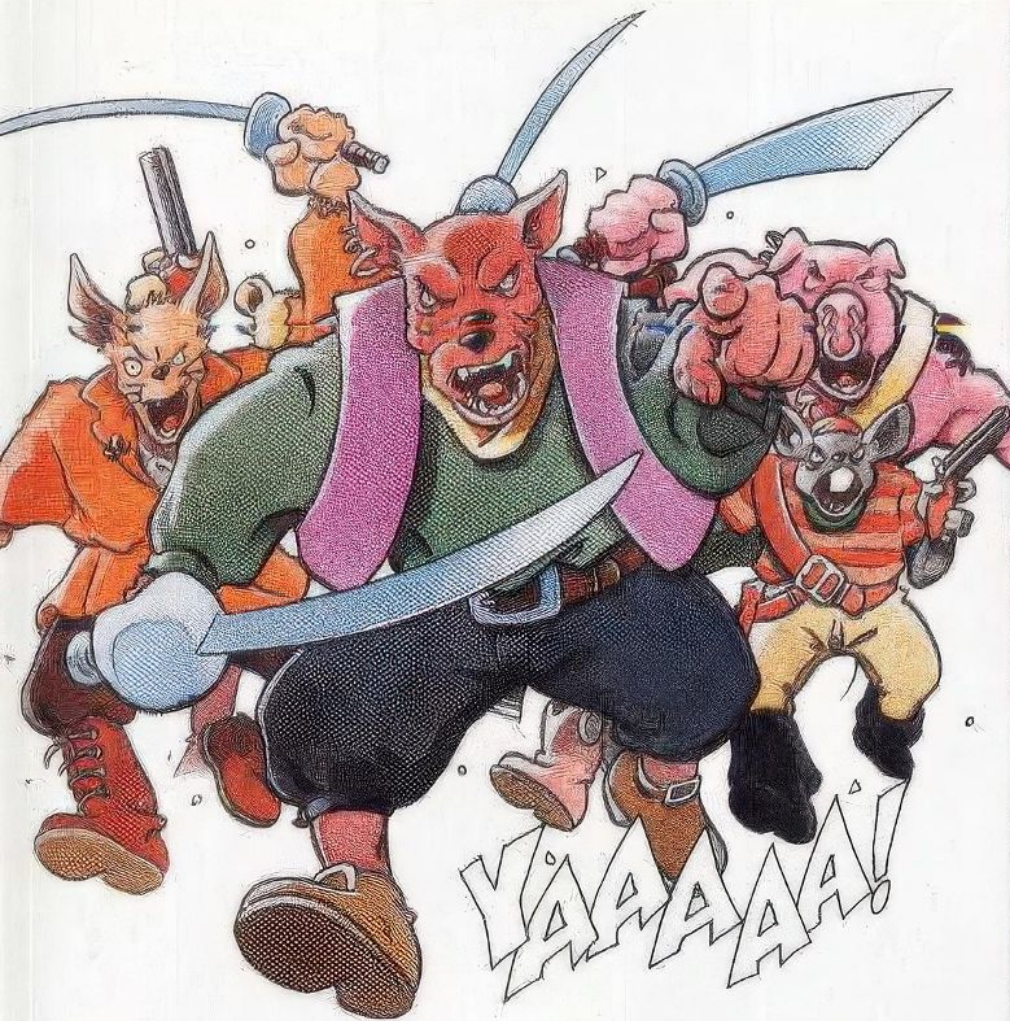
YOU SAID
 THIS GHOST SHIP
 WAS DESERTED,
 PLUNDER!

JUST
 WHAT HAVE
 YOU GOT US INTO,
 YOU STUPID
 PIRATE?



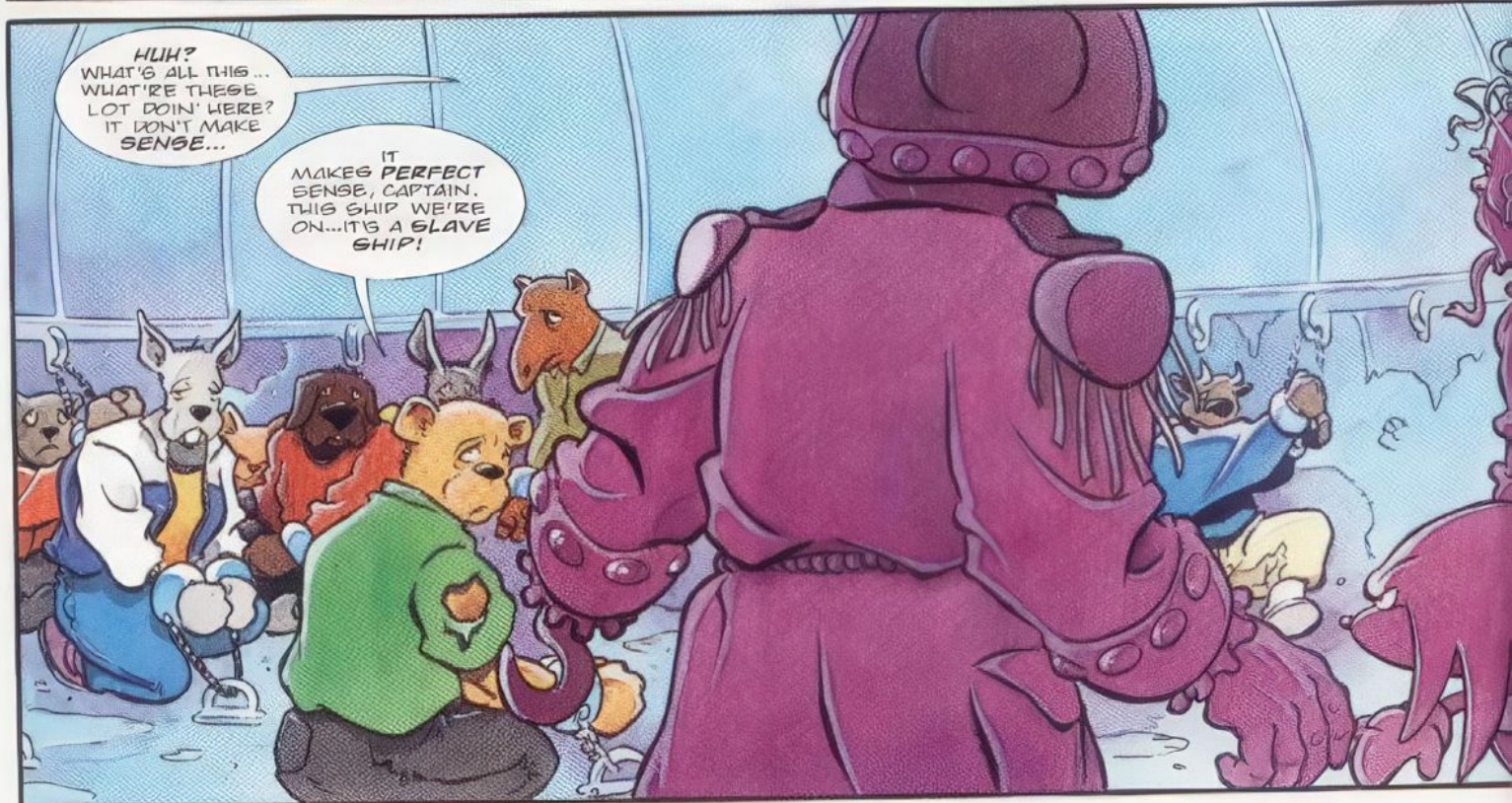
WE BE
 NOT BEATEN YET,
 NOT BY A LONG
 CHALK! GET THEM
 MATES!

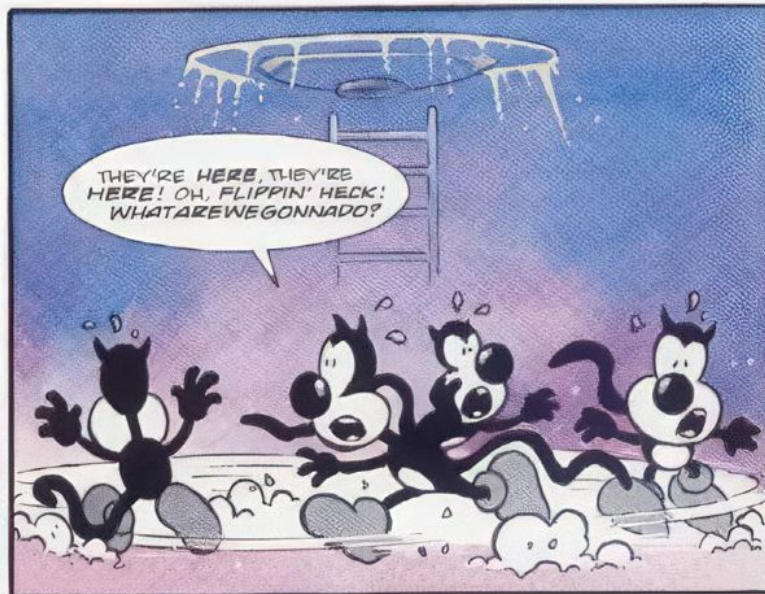




QUICK, BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND!



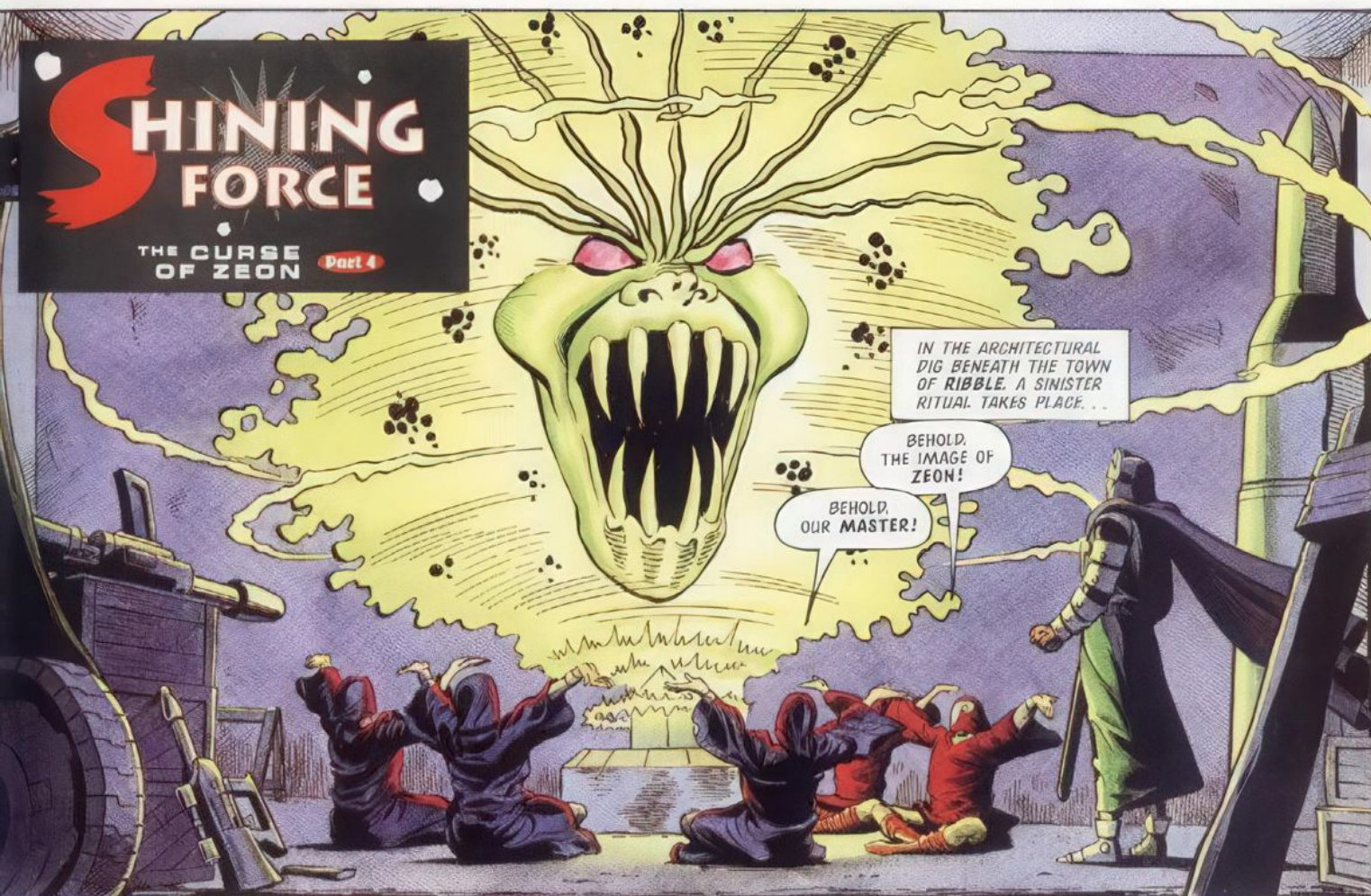






SHINING FORCE

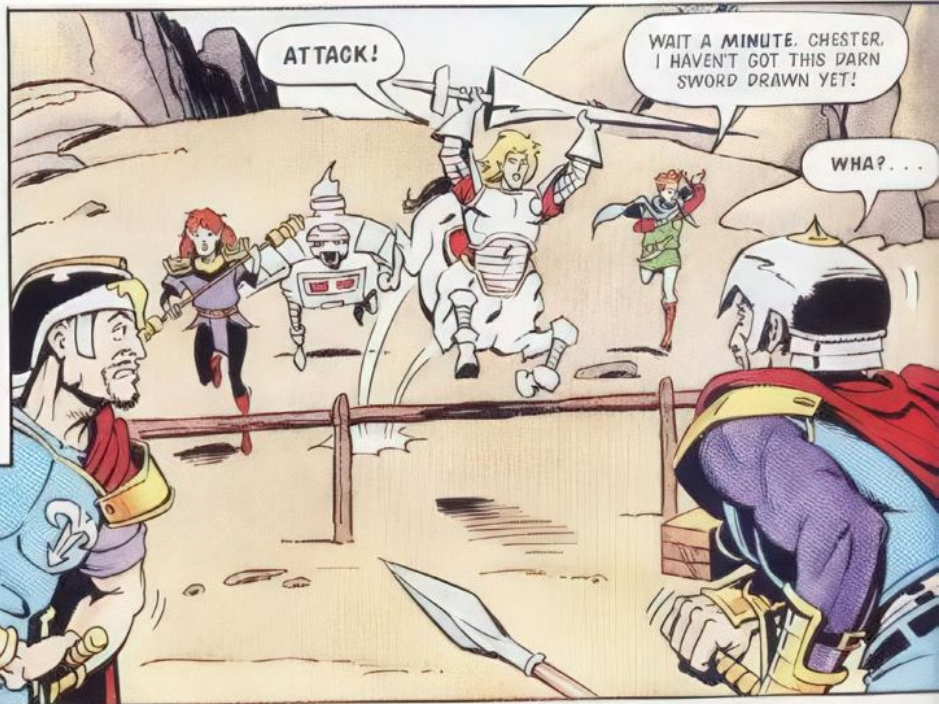
THE CURSE OF ZEON Part 4





AS WE SPEAK THEY ARE PLANNING TO BREAK INTO THIS VERY CHAMBER!"

ONLY TWO GUARDS! THIS IS GOING TO BE EASY!



ATTACK!

WAIT A MINUTE, CHESTER. I HAVEN'T GOT THIS DARN SWORD DRAWN YET!

WHA?...

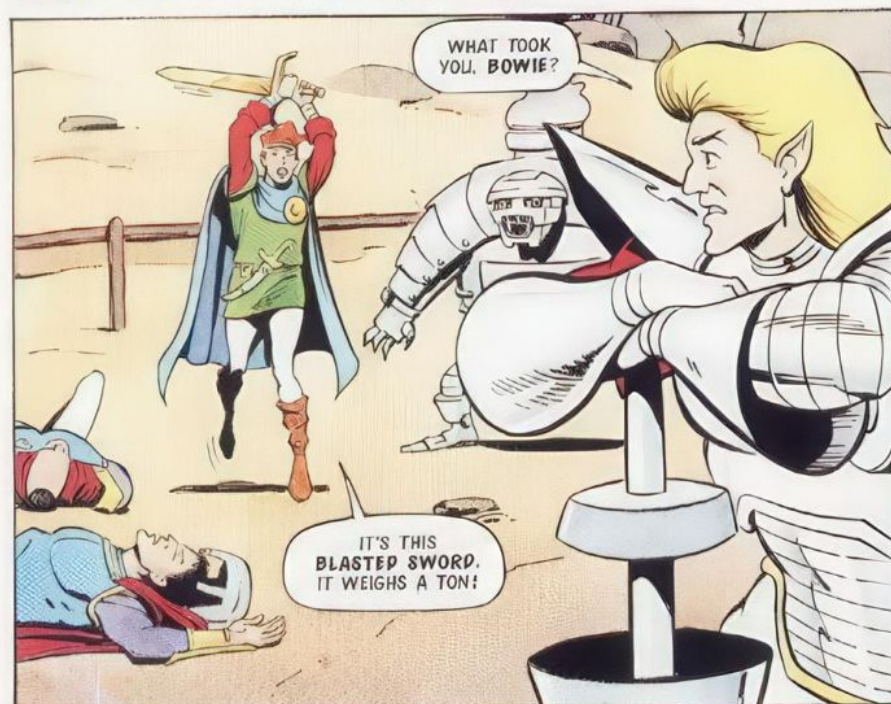


WEAKK!



BOKK!

YAAAA!



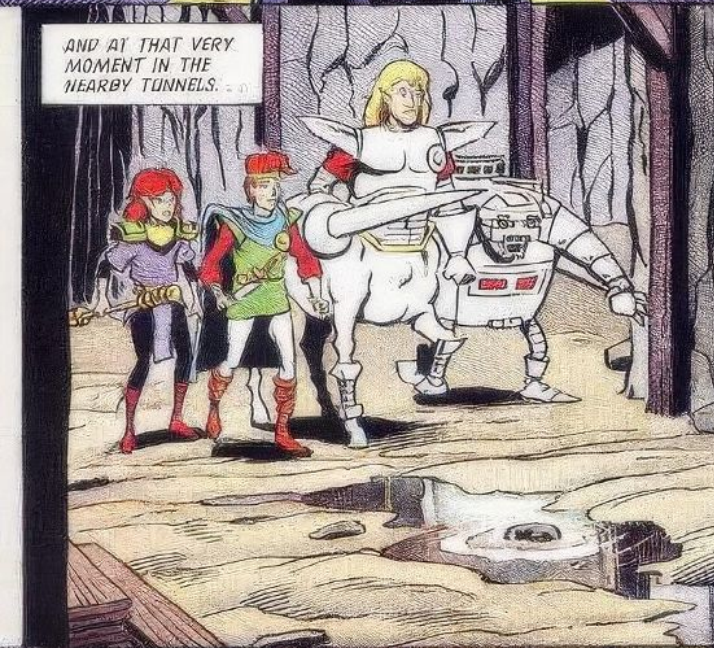
WHAT TOOK YOU, BOWIE?

IT'S THIS BLASTED SWORD. IT WEIGHS A TON!



TELL ME, TAYA, WHO MADE HIM LEADER OF THE SHINING FORCE, ANYWAY?

IT'S A LONG STORY...



YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MELODIAH

CONTROL



Hey, Boomers!

Just because I'm a droid, it doesn't mean my circuits aren't choked by what's happening on the front cover (I always said I was a *unique* droid). Can Porker really be taking his final faltering steps as a freedom fighter? You'll just have to read the Sonic story, The Big Decision, to find out. Listen up 'cos here's what else is happening this issue...

Knuckles faces trouble any in the Ghost Ship! The Shining Force are up against more weird goings on as the Curse of Zeon continues, plus it's time for Tails to 'turn and burn' in part four of Fox on the Run. There's a Spikes Badnik Pin up for your walls and the Q Zone brings you hints and tips from the classic Ecco the Dolphin game.

No Boomer worth their weight in gold rings would pass up the next megatious issue! STC 77 comes complete with **FREE** Button Covers (see the Next Issue page). Speaking of which, it's about time I buttoned up, so see you all in two weeks!

Melodia

STREET CRED!

Back in issue 67, STC joined in the 36th Anniversary celebrations of the UK's best known street. The Coronation Street Crimbo Compo invited Boomers to name the Street's famous pub, which is of course, The Rovers Return.

The following 30 winners will each receive a much sought after Jack & Vera T-shirt (XL size only):-

Ernie Ashworth, Blackpool, Lancs.
Emma Brockington, Tooting Bec, London
Benjamin Hartmann, Bedford, H. Parks
Margaret Crowley, Co. Cork, Rep of Ireland.
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Mrs P Weigh, Piddock, Fellingthorpe, Scotland.
Richard Worrell, Darlington, Co. Durham.
David Yeoman, Lower Bighorpe, Nottingham.

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Peter Ashworth, Barlston, Northall.
Gary Arman, Lillhar, Doncaster.
Matthew Cardwain, Cardiff, Wales.
Ann Cornish, Clitheroe, Lancs.
Sally Cresswell, Rowlands, Southampton.
Michael Elur, Worthington, Leishire.
John Fyvie, Rastoon, Essex.
Daniel Harty, Canvey Island, Essex.
Rebecca Paykin, Hitchin, Herts.
Glor Hoxman, Sowerby, Kent.
Amanda H-U, Stone-on-Trent, Staffs.
Mrs R Jenkinson, New Olleston, Notts.
R Leeding, Fishponds, Bristol.
Simon Miller, Bolton, Co. Durham.
Christopher Williams, South Glamorgan, Wales.

Congratulations to the winners,
and thank you to everybody who entered.

SEGA

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COMPILED
BY
GALLUP



↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ● SONIC & KNUCKLES
- 3 ↑ MICRO MACHINES '96
- 4 ↓ PREMIER MANAGER
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 7 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 8 ● ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ↓ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 RE STREET RACER

MEGA-CD

- 1 ● EARTHWORM JIM
- 2 ↑ SOULSTAR
- 3 ↓ B.C. RACERS
- 4 ↑ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 5 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 6 RE ROAD AVENGER
- 7 RE SNATCHER
- 8 RE THUNDERHAWK
- 9 ↓ LETHAL ENFORCERS
- 10 ↓ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS

MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● STREETS OF RAGE
- 3 RE ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 4 NEW MASTER OF DARKNESS
- 5 ↓ ASTERIX & THE SECRET MISSION
- 6 ↑ OTTIFANT
- 7 ↓ JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD
- 8 ↑ DESERT SPEED TRAP
- 9 RE DESERT STRIKE
- 10 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

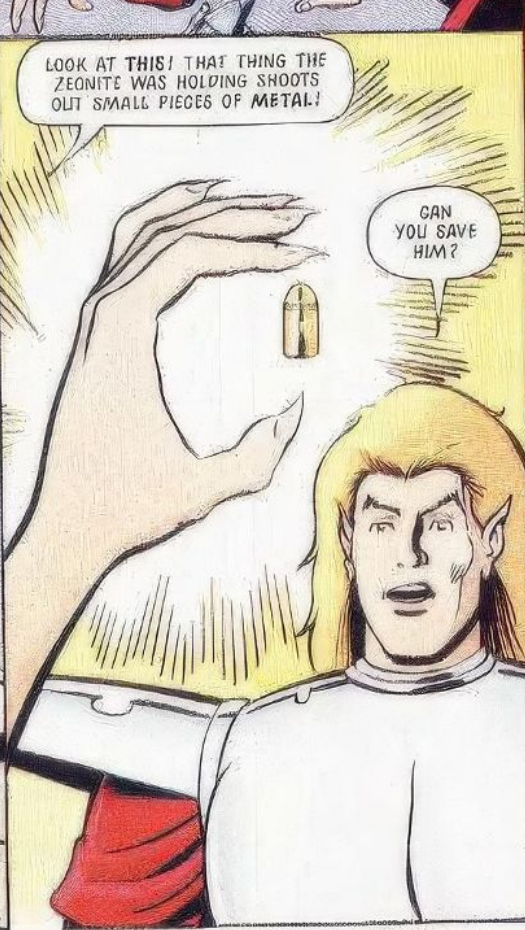
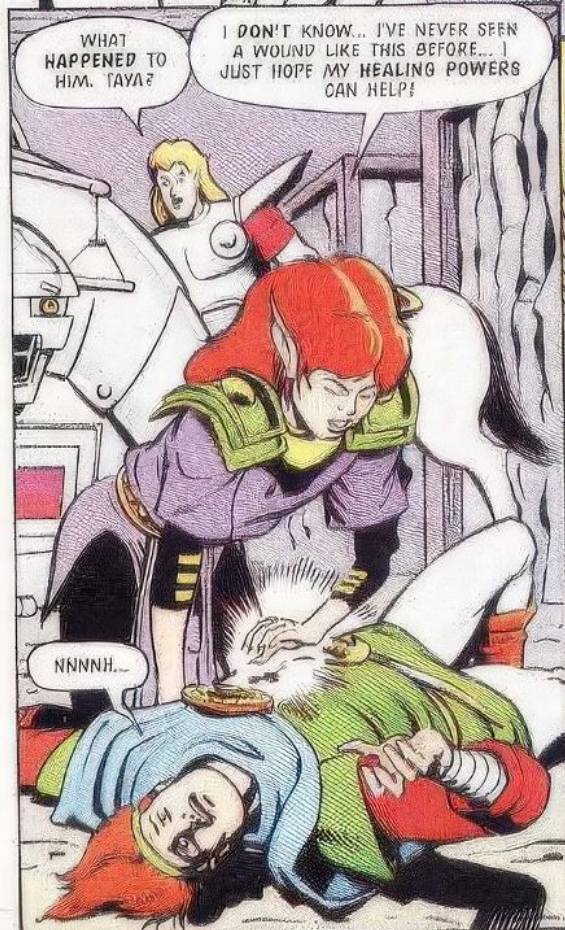
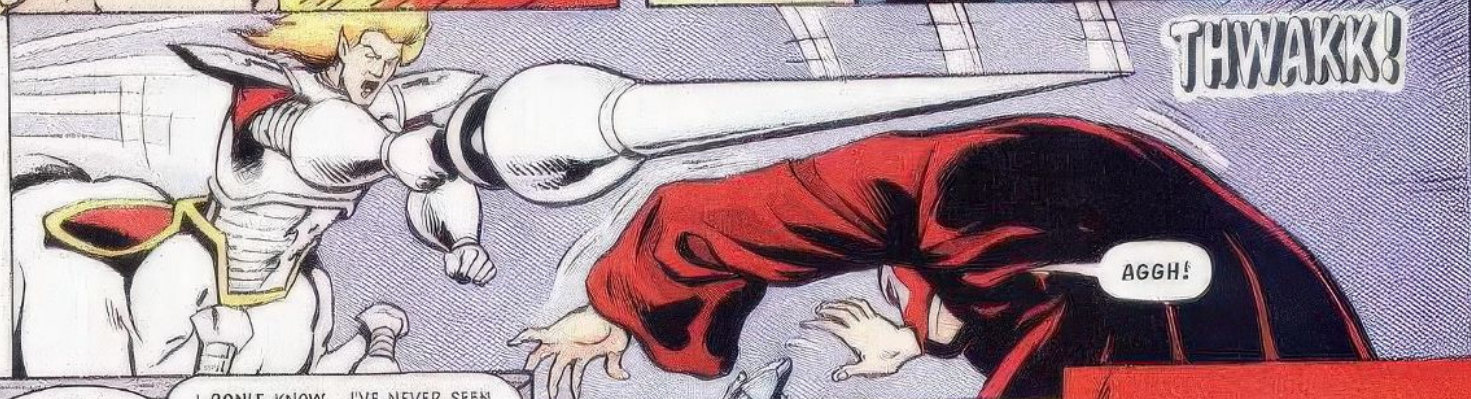
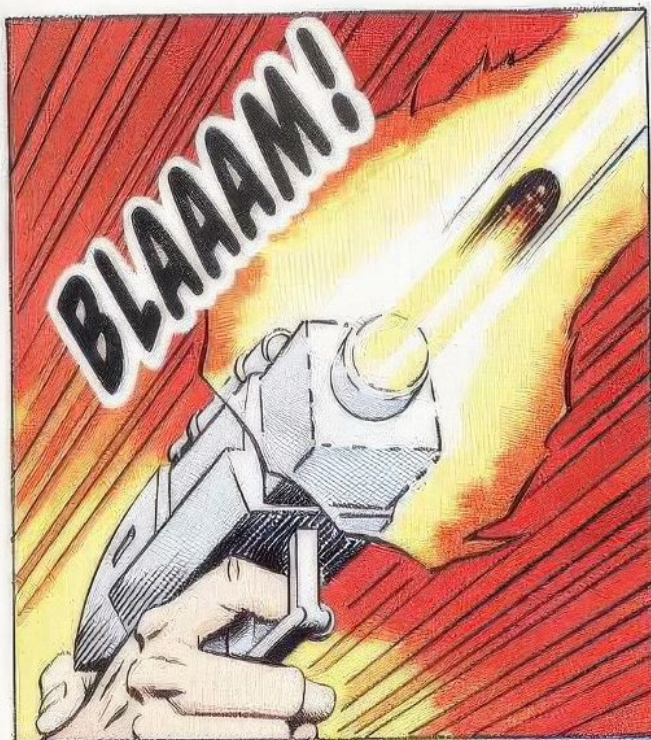
GAME GEAR

- 1 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 3 RE THE LION KING
- 4 ↑ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 5 RE MORTAL KOMBAT 2
- 6 ↓ CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 7 RE SONIC CHAOS
- 8 ↓ SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 9 RE MICRO MACHINES 2
- 10 NEW PRIMAL RAGE

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I GROW IMPATIENT, KADAVAAR! YOU SAID YOU HAD DISCOVERED ANCIENT SORGERY POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE TOWER!

I HAVE, MASTER. I PROMISE YOU...



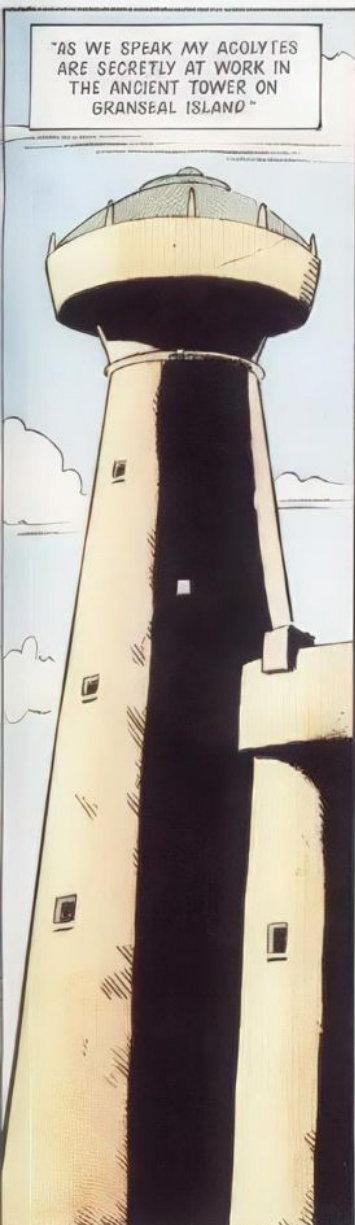
GOOD! THEN I SHALL NOT CONTACT YOU IN THIS MANNER AGAIN THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU I SHALL BE FREE!

FREE TO TAKE REVENGE ON ALL MY ENEMIES!



THIS MYSTICAL DEVICE OF YOURS HAD BETTER WORK, KADAVAAR!

IT CANNOT FAIL! I TRANSLATED THE TEXTS PERSONALLY. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE MOST POWERFUL SORGERY OF THE ANCIENTS!



"AS WE SPEAK MY ACOLYTES ARE SECRETLY AT WORK IN THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANSEAL ISLAND"



"SOON THEY WILL HAVE PREPARED THE ANCIENT SORGERY..."

"SORGERY KNOWN AS THE 'NUCLEAR BOMB'!"

NEXT ISSUE: THE FATE OF BOWIE!

TAILS IS ESCORTING TANTRUM THE MOUSE BACK TO HIS HOME IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED FLEABYTE...

TAILS!

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FOX ON THE RUN

Issue 4

YOU CRITTERS SURE WILL FETCH ME A BIG REE-WARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! 'SPECIALLY YOU, FOX! HYUK.

YEAH! YOU'RE EXPECTING ROBOTNIK TO HONOUR HIS DEBTS THEN, FLEABYTE?



G'MON!
ANOTHER FEW
MILES AN' I CAN HAND
YUH IN FER A FAT
REWARD! HYUK,
HYUK!

IF
YOU WERE A
PROPER BOUNTY
HUNTER YOU'D HAVE
A HORSE! OW!
OUCH!

DRAG!

SHUT
YUH SQUEAKIN'
RODENT! I'LL BUY *LOTS*
OF HORSES WHEN AH GETS
THE MONEY FER YOU
TWO! HYUK!

NOW'S MY
CHANCE!

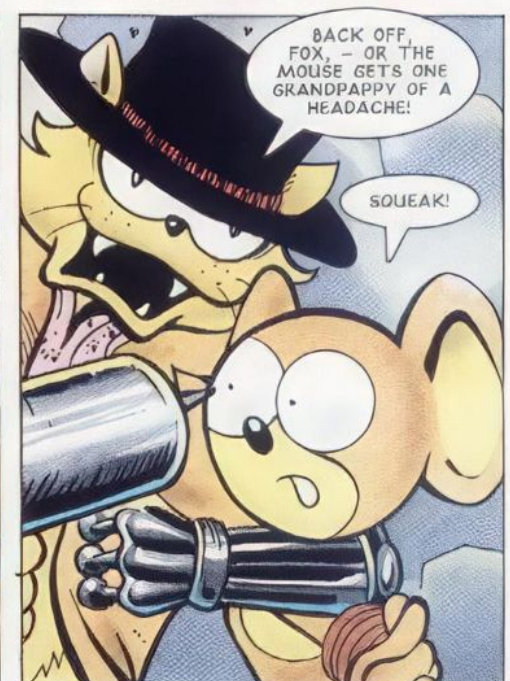
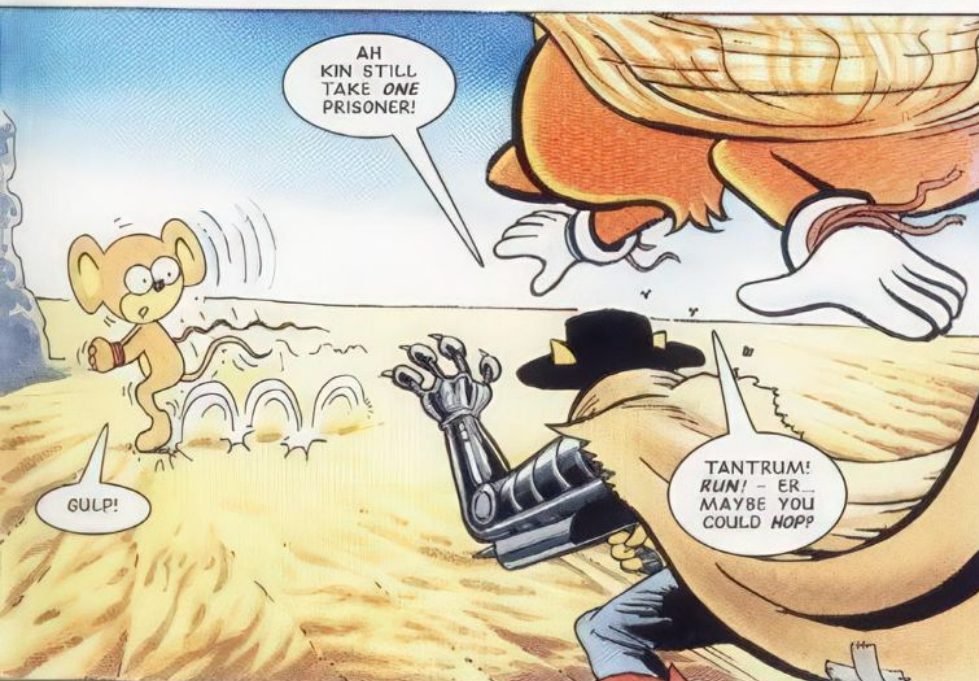
YOU
MAY HAVE TIED
MY ARMS AND LEGS,
BUT YOU FORGOT
ABOUT MY *TAILS*,
DUMBO!

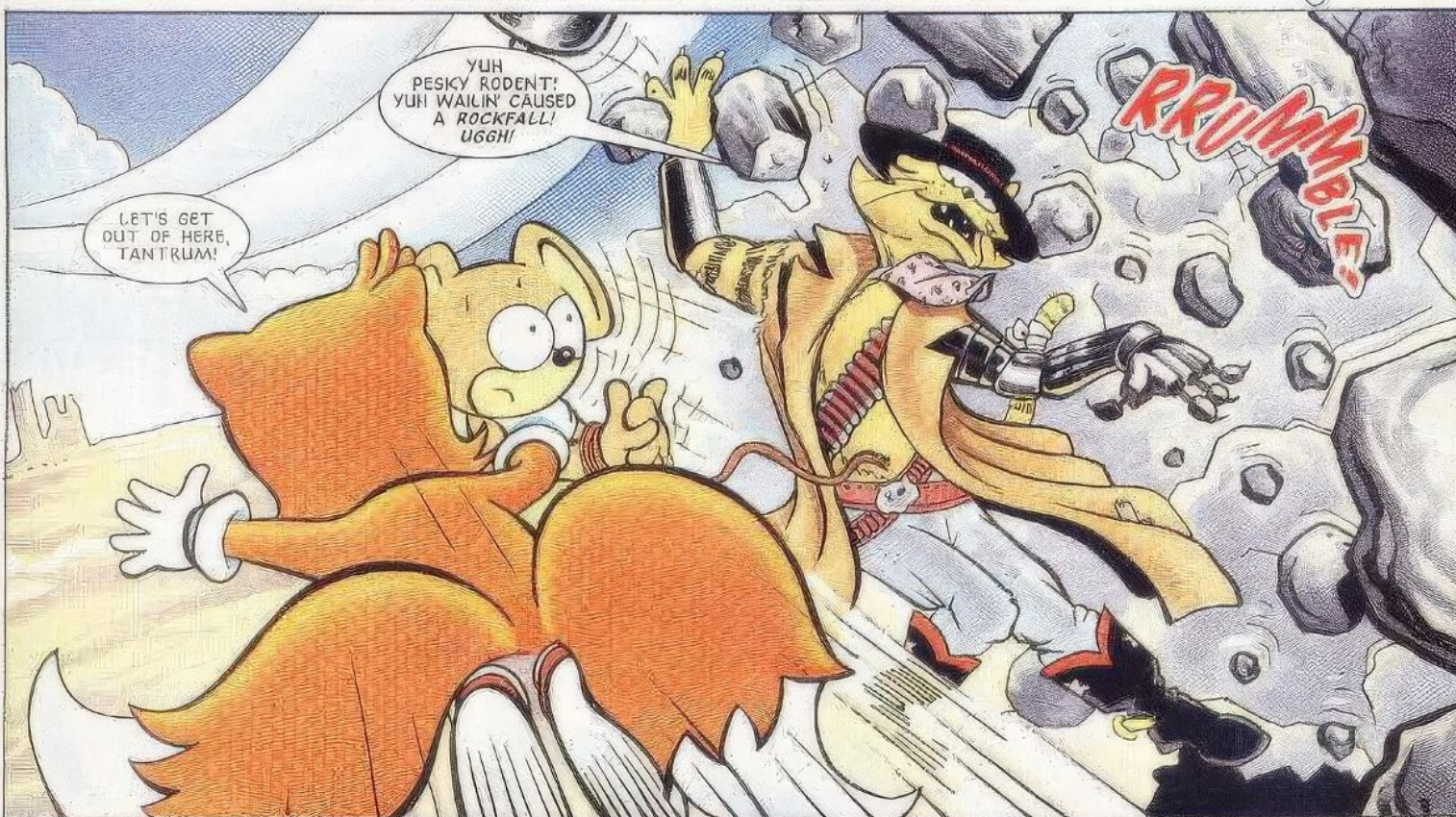
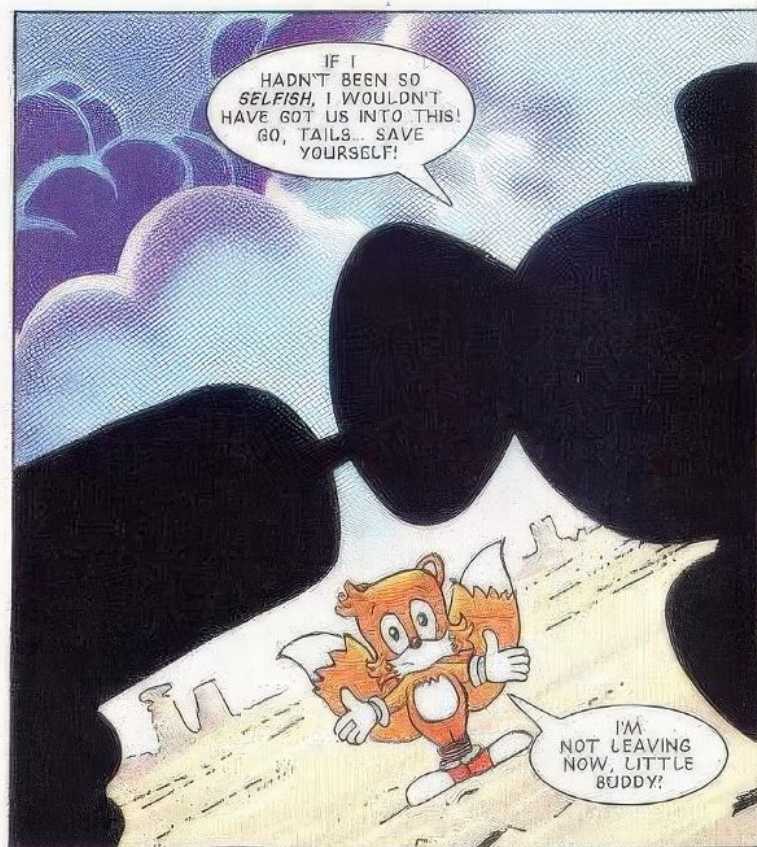
WHU-O
COME BACK
HERE, FOX!

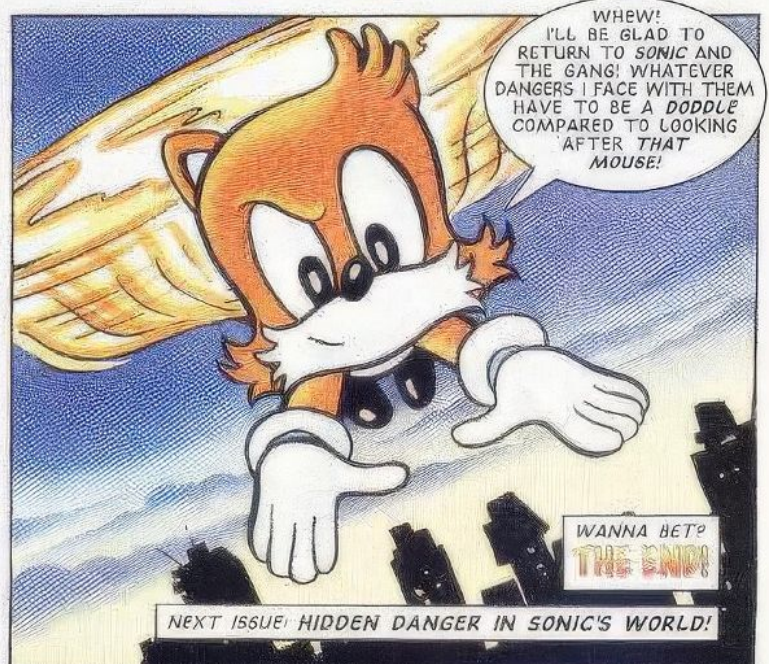
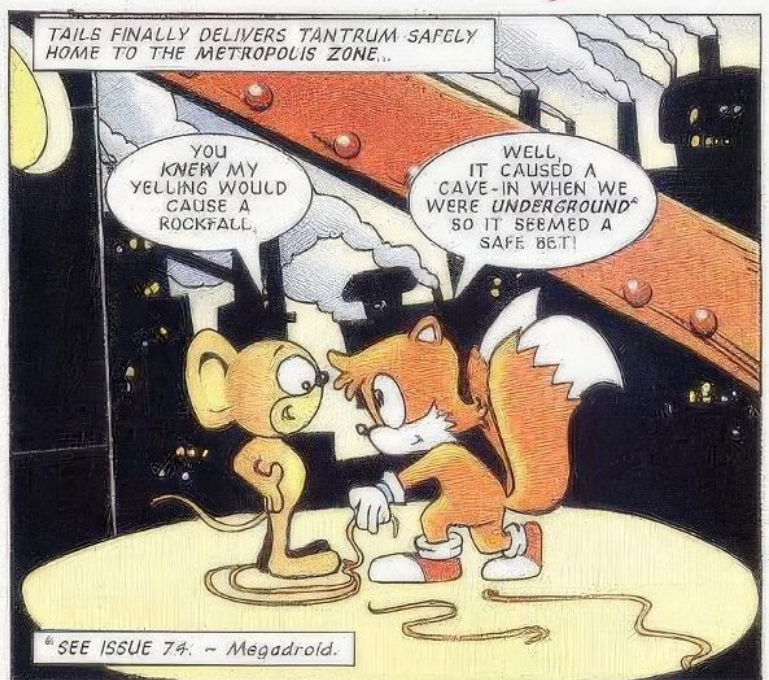
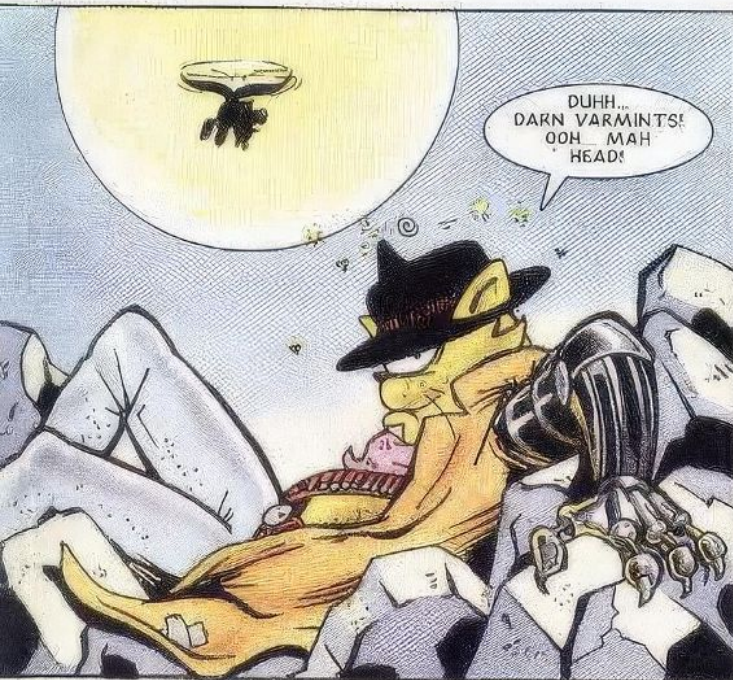
LET'S SEE
HOW *YOU* LIKE BEING
PULLED ALONG,
FLEABYTE!

WHOOAA!

DARN
VARMINT! I'LL
BLAST YUH
OUTTA THE
SKY!









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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

The pressure's too much for Porker!



Yvonne Waddell, Glasgow, Scotland.
MD owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

DOG GONE!

Dear Megadroid,

STC 72's scratch 'n' sniff sticker was terrible! My dog took one whiff and ran off faster than Sonic and Knuckles put together!

Karl Jones, Gwynedd, Wales.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



In this case, Karl, I'm glad I only have a sense of humour, and not a sense of smell!

TIGHT FISTED KNUCKLES!

Dear Megadroid,

Please could you tell me Knuckles' surname, age and birthplace as I am the tax collector for the Floating Island, and it seems to me that he needs to pay his bills!



The Tax Inspector (Adam Hodgson),
Twickenham, Middlesex.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Not even an echidna escapes paying tax, eh?

GRUESOME TWOSOME!

Dear Megadroid,

I would like Sega to make a fighting game starring Porker and Johnny as I think they're both under used. They could both use big poles as their weapons.

Jason Francis, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

GG, MD & MS owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Don't you think they're given enough stick already, Jason!

Sonic rests his legs and lets Ecco take the strain!



Amy Ellis, Halifax, W Yorks.
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FREE BUTTON COVERS!

THEY'RE ...



COMPLETE STORY

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UPRISING!

KNUCKLES!

UPROAR!

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NEW TWO PARTER

SONIC'S WORLD!

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SHINING FORCE!

OUTRAGE!

Q-ZONE!

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STC SINCE ...

ISSUE

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BAND/SINGER IS

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

GG ☐ MCD ☐ MD ☐

MM ☐ MS ☐ 32X ☐

SATURN ☐

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE

..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

THIS ISSUE'S
MEGA HITS!

1ST CHOICE

2ND CHOICE

3RD CHOICE

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 76

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

The Big Decision

COMPLETE STORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

Art: RICHARD ELSON

Lettering: ELIE DE VILLE

IN A SECLUDED SPOT ON THE
EDGE OF THE METROPOLIS
ZONE CITY ...

WHAT?

I ... I'M SORRY,
SONIC. I JUST CAN'T GO
ON ANY MORE ...

I
QUIT!

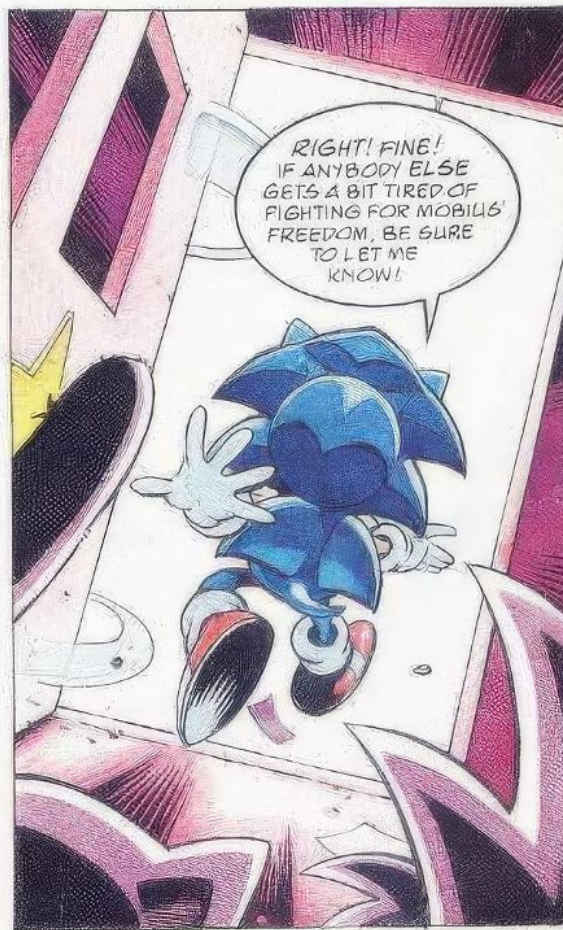
PORKER ...
WHAT'S WRONG
BUDDY?

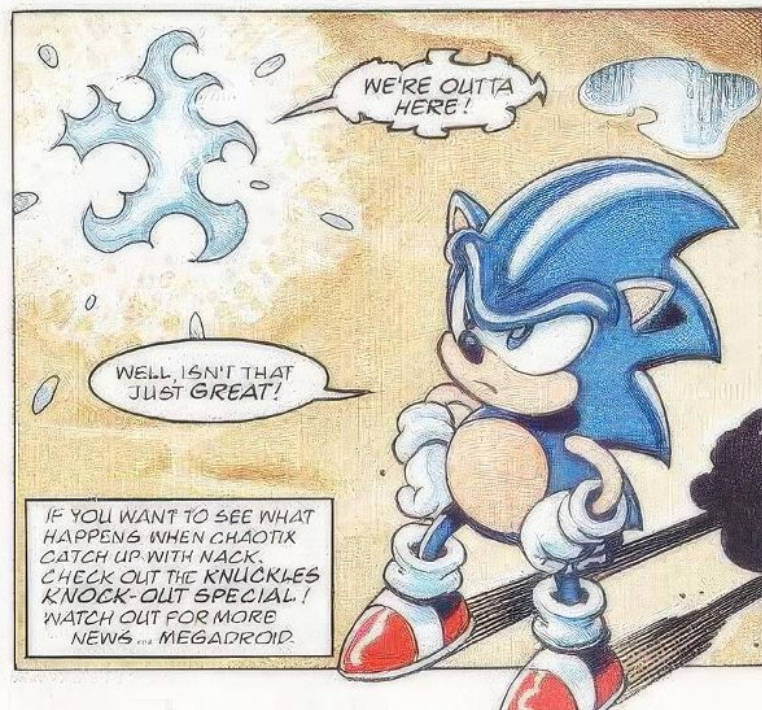
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT,
LEWIS?

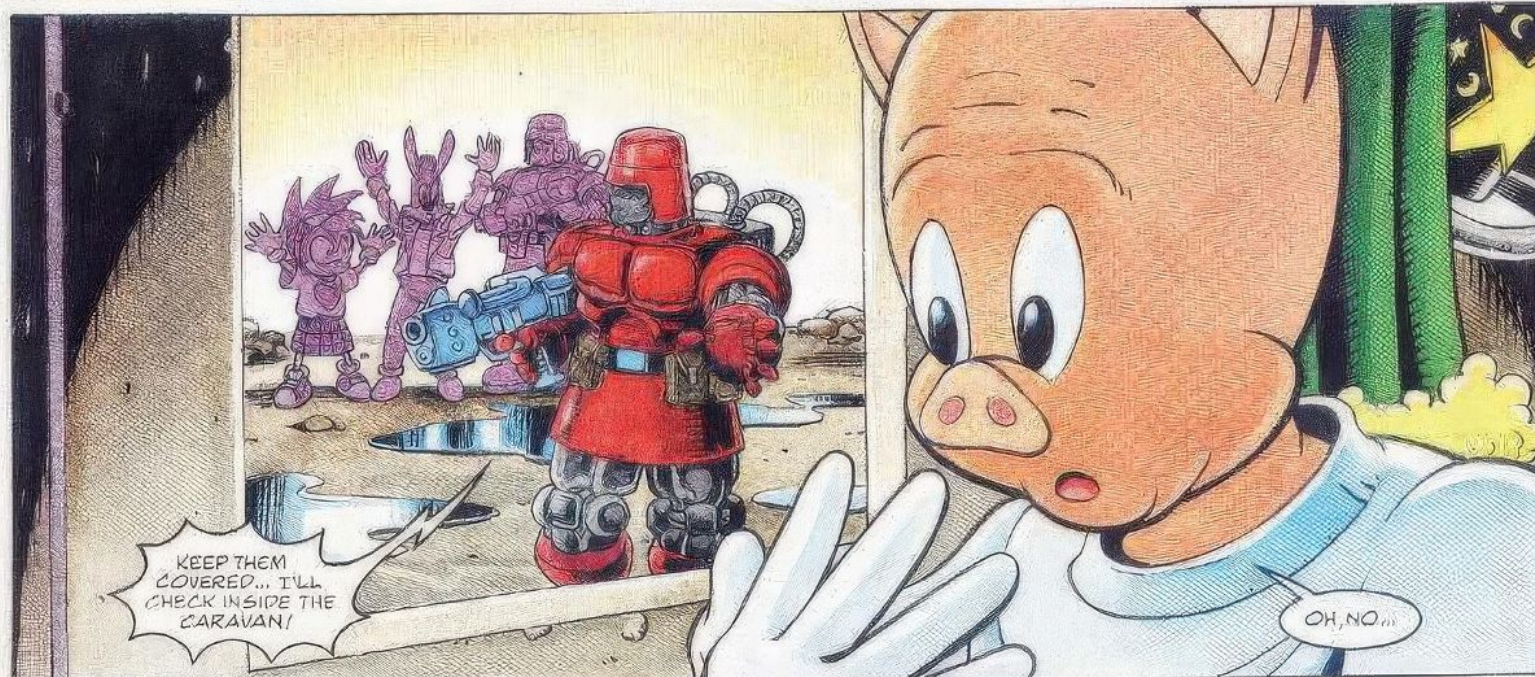
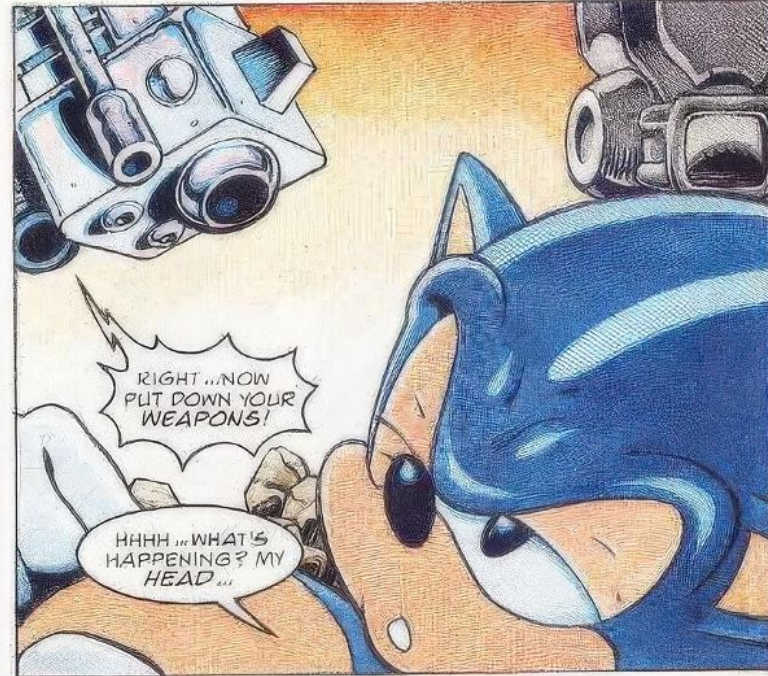
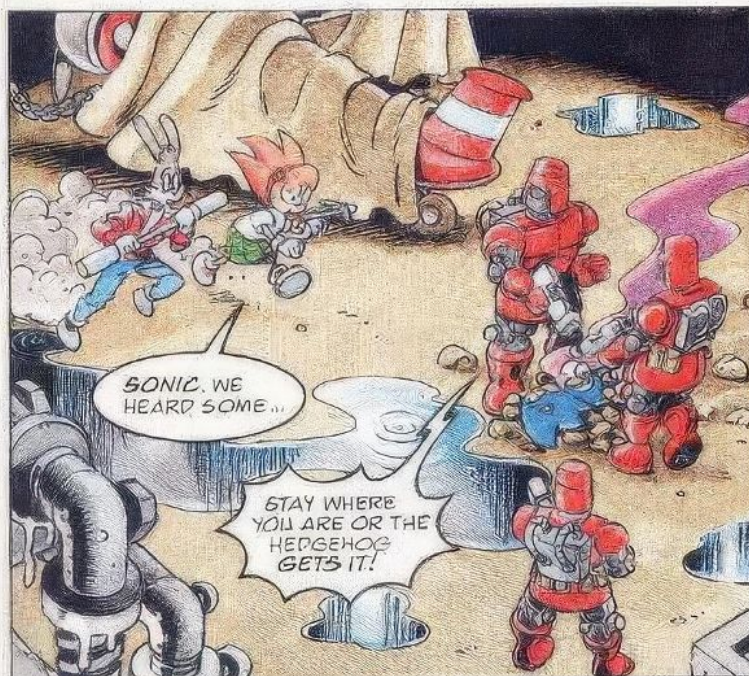
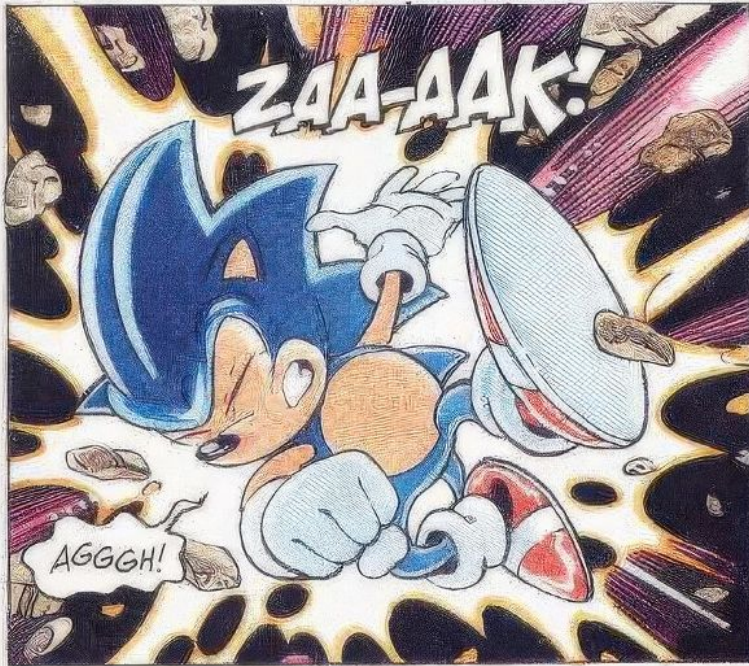
WE'RE BATTLING
AGAINST ROBOTNIK FOR
THE SURVIVAL OF PLANET
MOBIUS ... THIS ISN'T SOME
SORT OF GAME!

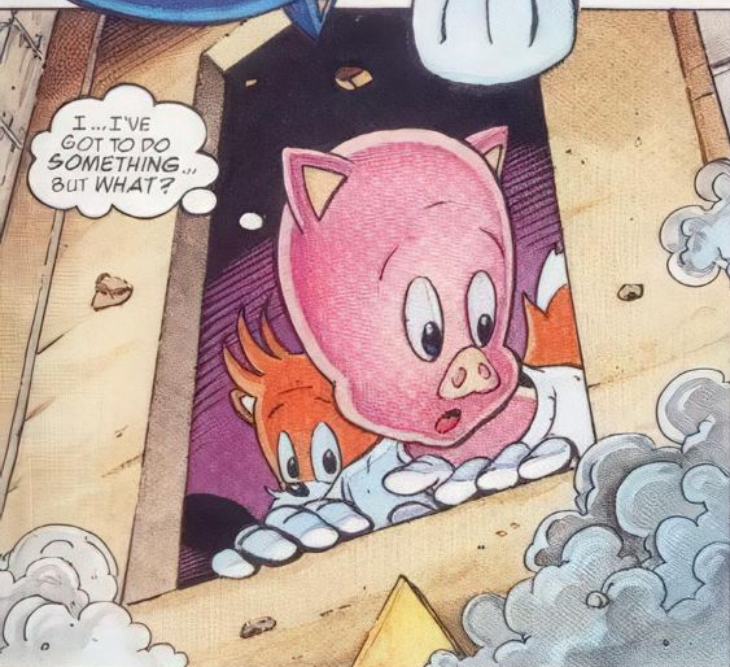
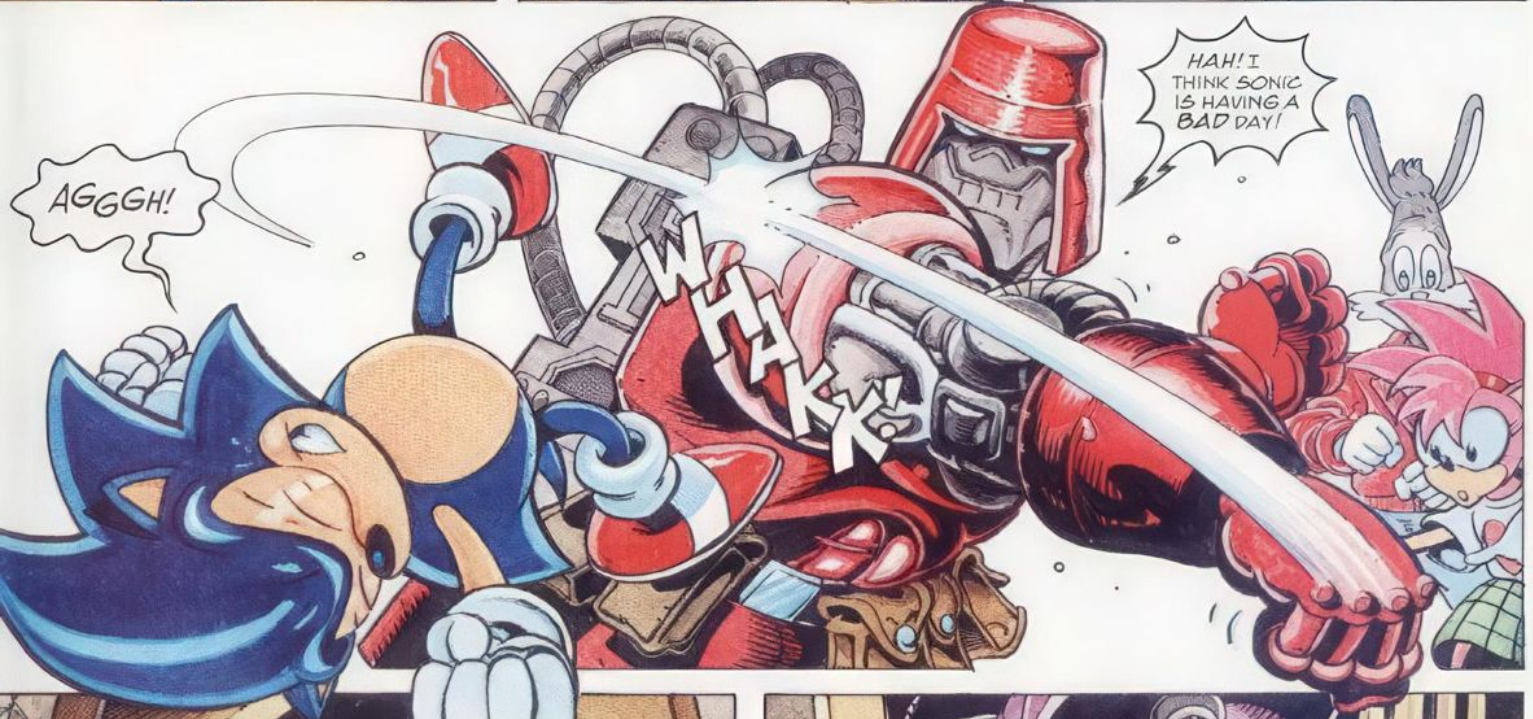
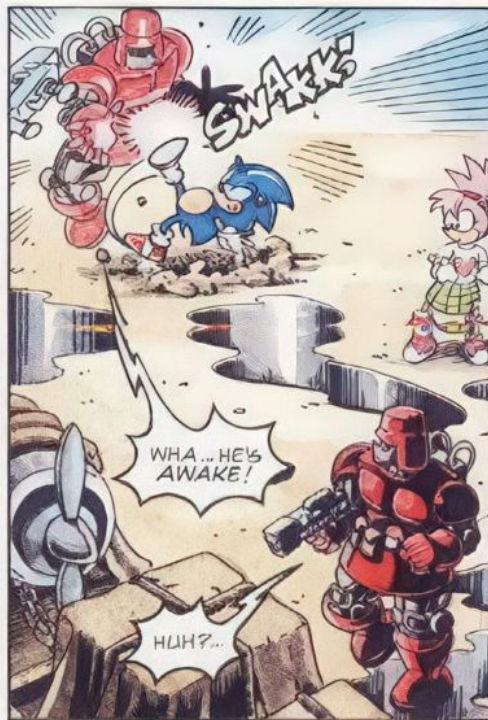
I ... I'M
SORRY ... REALLY,
I AM!
BEING
HELD CAPTIVE BY
THE BROTHERHOOD OF
METALLIX FOR A MONTH ...
WAS JUST TOO MUCH
FOR ME!

SEE STC #68 - MEGADROID









EARLY THE NEXT MORNING

WELL PORKER,
I GUESS THIS IS
GOODBYE!

I THINK YOU'LL
ENJOY LIVING ON THE
FLOATING ISLAND... THE EMERALD
HILL FOLK HAVE TURNED THE
MUSHROOM HILL ZONE INTO
AN IMPRESSIVE
PLACE!

I THINK
I WILL TOO,
SONIC

UH PORKER,
WHAT I WAS SAYING
BEFORE ... ABOUT YOU
BEING SOFT ... I JUST
WANT TO SAY ...

IT'S FORGOTTEN.
SONIC ... BESIDES, I AM
SOFT!

HEY BUDDY,
WE WOULDN'T HAVE
YOU ANY OTHER
WAY!

WELL, I'LL SEE
YOU AROUND!

COUNT ON IT,
PORKER!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: VOICE
OF THE PEOPLE!